Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, 1,690,000 children are reported missing or whereabouts unknown in the U.S. each year; and,

Whereas, 1 child is reported missing every 40 seconds and 60 percent are under the age of 14; and,

Whereas, 1 of 7 children will be sexually solicited by age 18; and,

Whereas, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), along with the Amber Alert, are diligently working to reduce these numbers and to "Locate the Lost"; and,

Whereas, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has created the "Take 25" campaign to promote child safety education; and,

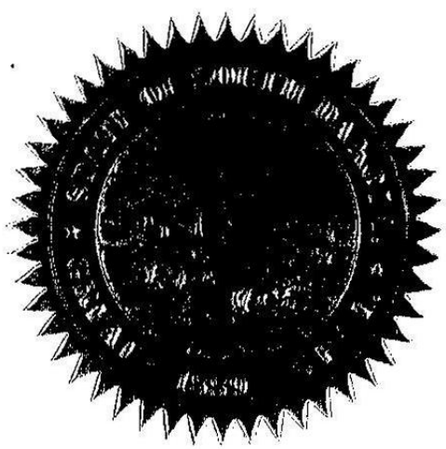
Whereas, The Masons of South Dakota, through cooperation with the National Center for Missing Children's "Take 25" program, South Dakota Sheriff's Association, South Dakota Dental Association, and Amber Alert, have developed a free premier comprehensive child identification and safety education program in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Masons of South Dakota through the South Dakota Comprehensive Child Identification Program (SDCHIP) has partnered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to promote "Take 25" Child Safety Education Day on May, 1, 2010, as a special day to promote child safety education and identification:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2010, as

SDCHIP DAY AND NCMEC "TAKE 25" DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State